


NEWS & NOTES

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ISSUE 6

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! At the church that I attend, the pastor is going through the book of Ephesians. We are now looking at the fourth chapter and he spent all his time yesterday discussing the 25th verse which reads, "Therefore, putting away lying, 'let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,' for we are members of one another." The pastor stated that he had read where a young boy had been asked his definition of a lie. The boy replied, "It is an abomination to the Lord, and an ever present help in the time of trouble." Of course that line got a good laugh from the congregation. We often laugh the loudest about what convicts the most. I'm sure that most of us see the truth in the statement. Most of us have used the lie as an "ever present help in the time of trouble." The problem is that we so easily disengage from the fact that it is an "abomination to the Lord." The mission statement at OCA is divided into three sections taken from Micah 6:8. The first is that we are to train our students to act justly. The first character trait that we believe is important to our students in acting justly is honesty. We do have students who think that a lie is the best way out of a difficult situation. We need to do our best to help them to see what God thinks about lying, and hopefully understanding God's view will change their practice.



VOLLEYBALL PARENT'S NIGHT

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Over 30 Lady Eagles are out for Volleyball – so if you want to see who belongs to whom, then you won't want to miss this great night of volleyball at the OCA Gym!

Parents of the Freshman, JV, and Varsity volleyball players will be recognized with their daughter(s) this Thursday *between* the JV and Varsity games. Parents are asked to step out onto the court with their daughter when their names are announced. Coaches and statisticians will also be introduced at this time.

Walk Worthy

Oops... on the LimoBus/Cosmic List Last Week

Last week it was published that K-4 go on the LimoBus/ Lunch and 5th-12th go on the Cosmic Bowling/Lunch. This was incorrect. As stated on promos sheets and told to the students, the **K-8th graders will be going on the LimoBus/ Lunch and 9th-12th graders will go on the Cosmic Bowling/Lunch.** Sorry for the confusion.



HOMECOMING IS COMING!

The week of Oct. 11-15 is OCA's homecoming week! There will be themes each day of the week for all students, so be prepared! The homecoming football game is Friday, Oct. 15th. For all high school students, there will be a movie after the game and concessions will be sold. The fun continues on Saturday, Oct. 16 for the high school students. We will be dining at Wheatfields and will have an after-dinner activity. Watch for more information to come.

CALENDAR



THIS WEEK - Tuesday/Friday week

- Sept 20- JV FB @ BT - 4:00 PM
 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Sept 21- JH FB vs BT - 4:00 PM
- Sept 23- School Pictures
 - VB C Team Scrimmage - 4:00
 - VB vs Mead - 6:30/7:30 - Parents Night
- Sept 24- 1st grade to Platte River AQ - 9:00-3:15
 - FB @ Lourdes - 7:00 PM

NEXT WEEK - Monday/Thursday week

- Sept 27- JH VB vs Waterloo - 4:00/5:00 PM
 - JV FB @ Prague - 6:00 PM
 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Sept 28- 5th-6th grade to Covenant Cedars-7:30-4:00
 - JH FB @ Mead - 6:00 PM
- Sept 29- 7th grade to World Herald-9:00-11:40 AM
- Sept 30- JH VB vs Belleuve Christian - TBA
- Oct 1 - VB vs Concordia & NE Luth-10:00 & 12:00

LOOKING AHEAD



- Oct 5-8 - Book Fair
- Oct 5 - Grandparent's Day
- Oct 9 - Craft Fair
- Oct 18 - NO SCHOOL

WEEK OF 9/20 THRU 9/24

Sept 20	Hamburger Potato Puffs 1/2 Apple Brownie	Chef Salad 1/2 Apple Brownie
Sept 21	Smart Sub Pasta Salad Gorp Tortilla Chips	Crab Salad Sand. Pasta Salad Gorp Tortilla Chips
Sept 22	Spaghetti w/meat sauce Lettuce Peaches Garlic Bun Sugar Cookie	Ham & Cheese Sand. Lettuce Peaches Sugar Cookie
Sept 23	Soft Chicken Taco Corn Fresh Pear Vanilla Pudding Cup	Bologna & Cheese Sand. Corn Fresh Pear Vanilla Pudding Cup
Sept 24	Egg & Cheese Omelet Tri Tator OJ Cereal	Salad Box w/chicken OJ Cereal

WEEK OF 9/27 THRU 10/1

Sept 27	Breaded Beef Patty Mashed Pot. w/gravy Caramel Dip 1/2 Apple Hot Roll	Salami & Cheese Sand. Mashed Pot. w/gravy Caramel Dip 1/2 Apple
Sept 28	Grilled Cheese Uncrustable Carrot Sticks Buttered Noodles Cherry glazed bananas Shape up	Salad Box Buttered Noodles Cherry glazed bananas Shape-up
Sept 29	Pizza Hut Lettuce Apricots Oatmeal Cookie	Cheese Sand. Lettuce Apricots Oatmeal Cookie
Sept 30	Mini Corn Dogs Cucumber/Tom. Salad Pineapple chunks Jello w/whipped topping	Stuffed Tom. w/Shrimp Salad Pineapple chunks Jello w/whipped topping
Oct 1	Sloppy Joe French Fries Melon Oatmeal scotties	Salad Box Melon Oatmeal scotties

***Students may choose yogurt & cheese stick as a main dish alternative.**

Milk will be served with all meals.

Cost: \$2.40 (K-4) **Tickets:** \$24.00 (K-4) 10 Lunches
 \$2.55 (5-12) \$25.50 (5-12) 10 Lunches
 \$1.00 Extra Entrees \$10.00 - 10 Entrees

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BOOK FAIR HELP NEEDED

Mrs. Randal still needs help to set-up the fall book fair in the library. If you can help anytime during Monday, October 4, morning or afternoon until about 2:00 PM, give her a call at the school. Even a short time would be a help.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER



Mrs. Melanie Simmons is the new director of the preschool and the before and after school program.

She has been working with preschoolers for fifteen years and has taught at Grace Day Preschool, Altus, Oklahoma; Goodfellow Child Center, San Angelo, Texas; and Aviano Air Base, Italy- Preschool Enrichment Program.

She attended Tri-County Technical College located in Pendleton, South Carolina and received a diploma in Early Childhood Development.

Mrs. Simmons wished to work at OCA because she enjoys the Christian work environment. She finds the “small community” feeling among the staff, children, and families appealing. Mrs. Simmons is grateful to have a chance to make a difference in the lives of children.

She hopes to prepare the preschoolers for kindergarten. Mrs. Simmons would be delighted to reach full enrollment status for the preschool program.

Mrs. Simmons has been married to Don for eighteen years. Don works as the training manager for the 55th Medical Group at Offutt AFB. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons have a fifteen year old son, Lee, in the tenth grade and a nine year old daughter, Caroline, in the fourth grade. The Simmons enjoy family activities and attend Midwest Baptist Church.

Anna Arndt - Journalism



HEALTH UPDATES

If you have not turned in your health updates, please do so. There are still about 85 updates missing. This has to do with any allergies, asthma, diabetics or other health concerns of which you would like the teachers to be aware.

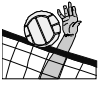
The booklet containing this information will be assembled the week of September 27th. Thank you.

Pam Schroeder



CRAFT FAIR

The annual Craft Fair hosted by the senior class is Saturday, October 9 from 9-4:00 PM. Please post the attached flyer at your church or your work place. There are more flyers available at the office as well as invitations you can give to your neighbors, friends and co-workers. Thanks. Anne Bebee



OCA EAGLES VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Eagles played hard on Thurs., Sep. 16 against Waterloo and BT. Despite a lot of hard work, they didn't triumph on the scoreboard, but triumphed with the amount of effort played on the court.

Waterloo won 14-25 and 22-25. Between the two games, the 1st and 2nd graders had a special cheer for the team and fans. Laura Henkenius entered the game and served three aces right off the bat. Lauren Phillips led the team with 7 digs. Mrs. Friesen commented, "This is the best we have competed against Waterloo in several years."

The end of the first game versus Brownell-Talbot was a nail biter—the score was tied 23-23, then 24-24. However, Brownell-Talbot scraped by with a score of 24-26 and 15-25. Bethany Begg led the team with 10 digs. The OCA guys cheered loudly throughout the entire game and were a great support to the team.

A major strength in both matches for the Lady Eagles was their serving. They served 95%, which surpasses their match goal. Ace serves for the night were as follows: Lauren Phillips 4; Laura Johnson, Chantelle Steggerda, and Laura Henkenius 3; Bethany Begg 2; and Tabitha Hamilton 1. Laura Johnson had 11 setting assists for the night.

~Nina Koch and Julianna Schulte



CHILDCARE NEWS

There is currently no drop-in child care in the mornings. If you need childcare in the mornings, please contact Melody simmons @216-5758 (cell) or 399-9565 (OCA).

We have had a problem with "no notice" children arriving in childcare. It is school policy that all children left outside at 4:00 PM will be place in childcare. However, please, do not assume this as your plan. We want to plan for the proper number of childcare workers as it is unsafe to have too many children per caregiver.



EAGLES ANNIHILATE RAIDERS

Friday, Sept. 10, the varsity Eagles went head to head with the Mead Raiders. Despite the fact that it was Mead's homecoming night, the Eagles prevailed 53-42.

Senior Nate Thompson was the lead tackler for the evening. Senior Brian Push lead the night with 5 touchdowns and 167 yards, and junior Scott Nilius, scored 3 touchdowns and 192 yards. ~Danielle Gingrich & Julianna Schulte

CONCESSION & GATE WORKERS

Sept 23 - VB vs Mead - 6:30/7:30 PM

Gate Worker - start at 5:45 PM
- Colegrove

Concession - start at 6:15
- Wirges

Oct 1 - FB vs Johnson/Brock -4:00 PM

Gate Workers - start at 3:15 PM

East - Arnold

West - Johnson

Concession - start at 3:30
- Strasser
- Steggerda



SPAGHETTI FEED FUNDRAISER AND SILENT AUCTION FOR ERIC LEE

Eric Lee, 35, was diagnosed with bladder cancer in June 2004. Eric and his wife Amy are OCA parents with four young children at OCA— Josh, 11; Zachary, 8; Rachel 7; and Samantha, 3.

Eric is undergoing treatment and has been unable to work for several weeks. An upcoming spaghetti feed fundraiser and silent auction will greatly benefit this family as they journey through this time of challenge. Please consider coming to the dinner or making a donation:

The dinner and auction are **Sunday, Sept. 26, from 1-6 p.m.** at the Ponca Volunteer Fire Department. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children age 12 and under.

Tickets are available in advance from Julie Sibert (also an OCA parent) at 571-5341. We hope to sell 300 tickets total!

Donations for the Eric Lee Foundation are being accepted at all Omaha locations of US Bank. You may also send checks to the Eric Lee Foundation, care of Julie Sibert, 8115 Camden Ave., Omaha, NE 68134.

Thank you so much for your consideration! We are hopeful and prayerful the dinner and auction will be a tremendous blessing to this family. For more information, call Julie at 571-5341.

GUIDANCE CORNER

The Assistance League of Omaha is again offering review classes for the ACT Test. The ACT review includes two, three hour classes. Students need to attend both classes in order to get full coverage. Class #1 is on Monday, Oct. 11, or Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Class #2 is Wednesday, Oct. 13, or Thursday, Oct. 14 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The classes are held at Westside High School. There is a \$30 fee for the course. Registration forms are available in the Guidance Office.

High school students interested in the career fields of dentistry, dental hygiene or dental assisting may be interested in participating in Creighton University's Exploring Program in Dentistry. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Creighton University's Boyne Building, Room 137. The Boyne Building is located at 30th and Webster. There is a \$15 fee. If interested in attending call Chrissy Cacioppo at 431-9272.

UNK will be hosting Health Quest and the UNK Health and Human Services Career Fair on Friday, Oct. 15. The event will run from 8:15 - 2:00 p.m. If interested in attending contact the guidance office.

High school students interested in Social Work, Youth Organization/Community Agency Professions, or Special Education may be interested in attending the Ollie Webb Center's Just Friends Explore Program. The Just Friends program offers you an opportunity to become a mentor to a teen with a developmental disability. The first meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Norris Middle School (2235 S. 46th St.) Cafeteria. There is a \$15 fee. To reserve your spot at the meeting, please contact Lisa Susnjar-Dougherty at 346-5220, ext. 22, by Friday, Sept. 24.

High school students interested in a career in journalism may want to participate in the Omaha World-Herald Exploring Program. The first meeting and registration is Monday, Oct. 4, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Omaha World-Herald (1334 Dodge St.). Due to size limitations, please call 444-1121 or e-mail nicole.walenz@owh.com to reserve your spot.

Seniors interested in attending any of Nebraska's State Colleges - Chadron, Peru, or Wayne - may be eligible to apply for the Board of Trustees' Scholarship. Applicants must have a minimum composite score of 25 on the ACT or 1130 on the SAT. If interested, contact the guidance office.

UNL will be hosting several senior open houses. These dates are Oct. 11, Oct. 15, Oct. 22, Oct. 29, Nov. 12, Nov. 15, Dec. 3, Jan. 28, and Feb. 21. If interested in attending you can register at www.admissions.unl.edu. You must register at least one week in advance of the date you are planning to attend.

Congressman Lee Terry will be hosting an All Academy Seminar Day for high school students, their parents, and school officials to emphasize the opportunities that exist at our nations' service academies. It will take place on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Westside Community Education Center (3534 S. 108th St.). Representatives will be in attendance from the Air Force Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, the Military Academy (West Point), the Naval Academy, and the Coast Guard Academy. If interested in attending contact the guidance office or contact Dean Mathisen at 397-9944.

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Calendar:

- September 21 - PLAN (pre-Act) Testing for all Sophomores
- October 1 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for the Oct. 23 Test
- October 1 - SAT Registration Deadline for the Nov. 6 Test
- October 6 - Hillsdale College Rep Visit
- October 13 - PSAT Testing for Juniors
- October 13 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for the Nov. 6 Test
- October 29 - William Jewell College Rep Visit

If you have any questions regarding this information, see Mrs. Jenkins, Guidance Counselor.



JV FOOTBALL

On Sept. 13, the JV Eagles went up against NE City Lourdes. To start out the game, sophomore Cale Schultz caught a pass from freshman Wyatt Wirges and went on to score the first touchdown. The second touchdown came from sophomore Nick Crawford taking a hand off from Wyatt Wirges at the two yard line and running in for the touchdown. The game ended with NE City Lourdes with the win, 48-12.

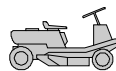
BOOSTER CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS

Studio Recording System for Music	\$1,500
Music Software and Site License	\$600
Lady Eagle Volleyball Uniforms	\$1,200
Rebound Ring for Basketball	\$25
Cheese Dispenser	\$200

These are some of the items we have purchased or will be purchasing to enhance the Performing Arts and Athletics at OCA. The Booster Club meets at 8 am on the third Thursday of the month.

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Sept 22	MS	-Mr. Dale Powell
Sept 23	HS	-Mr. Gary Krehbiel
	Elem	-Mr. Gary Krehbiel
Sept 29	MS	-JH Drama
Sept 30	HS	- Mr. Mark Dommel
	Elem	- TBA



WANTS & NEEDS LIST

-Riding Lawn Mower to mow the football field. If you have a riding mower in excellent condition which you are willing to donate, see John Meyer.

OR

-Funds to purchase a new riding mower (approximately \$1,300).